



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WILLIAMS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Williams syndrome is a rare genetic condition that is present at birth and is characterized by a variety of medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and learning disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: Williams syndrome affects 1 in 10,000 people worldwide and as many as 30,000 individuals in the United States may be affected by the disorder; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals with Williams syndrome tend to experience cognitive difficulties related to spatial relations, numbers, and abstract reasoning. However, those with the disorder perform well with tasks that involve music or spoken language. Williams syndrome may also lead to medical conditions such as hypercalcemia, low birth-weight or slow weight gain, feeding difficulties, dental abnormalities, kidney defects, hernias, hyperacusis, and musculoskeletal problems; and
- WHEREAS: Many state and national organizations are working to better improve the lives of those afflicted with Williams syndrome. Through its efforts, the Williams Syndrome Association generates public awareness, raises funds for critical new research, and provides valuable information and support to families so those with Williams syndrome may live full and productive lives; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as WILLIAMS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley
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